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[REGISTRATION NOW OPEN for Vermont's 19th Annual Women's Economic Opportunity Conference](#)

Saturday, September 19 at Vermont Technical College in Randolph Center

Senator Leahy's WEOC conference will be an exciting and enriching occasion filled with opportunities for hands-on learning, along with practical conversations about building opportunities for success.

Jane Lindholm, host of Vermont Public Radio's Vermont Edition, will present this year's keynote address, sharing personal stories about her professional endeavors. Featuring nearly two dozen workshops, this daylong conference helps participants capitalize on social media, gain invaluable marketing know-how, and achieve that critical work-life balance. This year's conference will feature a newly added Networking Hub for you to personally connect and strengthen your professional networks with other attendees. As always, the conference is FREE, with FREE lunch, FREE snacks, and if pre-registered, FREE CHILD CARE. This conference capitalizes on the diversity of professional talent and entrepreneurship that makes Vermont a great place to live, raise families and cultivate businesses. REGISTER NOW at leahy.senate.gov. Registration deadline: September 13th, 2015

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Community Forums: Exploring Paid Family and Medical Leave in Vermont

[Vermont Commission on Women \(VCW\)](#) and [Main Street Alliance of Vermont](#)

Latchis Theatre, **Brattleboro**, Tuesday 9/15 from 8:00 – 9:30 AM

Manchester Community Library, Tuesday 9/22 from 10:30-12:00 PM.

St Albans - Back Inn Time, St Albans, Tuesday, 9/29 from 9:00-10:30 AM.

[Vermont Commission on Women \(VCW\)](#) and [Main Street Alliance of Vermont](#) will host a series of community forums on long-term paid family and medical leave to explore the possibility of developing and implementing a state-run Temporary Disability and Caregiver Insurance (TDCI) Program. We will explore the need for this program, how similar programs have been implemented in other states, and what a successful TDCI program could look like for Vermont. The forum will consist of a brief presentation followed by a discussion. We welcome all business owners and community members to attend and participate in this dialogue. Coffee and light refreshments will be provided. For more information, or to RSVP (requested), please contact [Ashley Moore](#). Watch for additional forums to be announced soon in Windsor and Chittenden counties.

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Vermont Early Childhood Alliance: Invites proposals of issues for consideration for 2016 legislative agenda

The Alliance's legislative agenda is crafted annually in partnerships with early childhood organizations that are advancing policy solutions through the legislative process. To propose an issue for possible inclusion or to review timeline, prioritization tiers, or scoring system, please visit www.vermontearlychildhoodalliance.org/2016-agenda-setting-process. Proposals requested by Tuesday, September 29th.

Vermont Early Childhood Alliance: Advocacy Skills Training and 2016 Legislative Issue Review – Available to Groups this Fall

Schedule a training to hone advocacy skills or become informed on early childhood issues. Trainings are available to any group of five or more and can be tailored to the interests of the audience and time available. For more information, please [contact Kelly Ault](#), Alliance Public Engagement Director, at 802-272-0795.

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Please Mark your Calendars: Vermont Women's Economic Security Summit

Presented by: [Vermont Commission on Women \(VCW\)](#) and the Women's Legislative Caucus Thursday, October 8th at the Vermont State House

Women make up half of our state's workforce and are critical to Vermont's economic future. The aim of this summit will be to generate a range of policy recommendations that better support women as essential contributors to their families' economic security and to Vermont's economy as a whole. From wages and benefits to work-family balance and caring for children, come hear state legislators, community leaders, and advocates discuss policies that will not only improve the economic wellbeing of women and their families, but all Vermonters. Stay tuned to VIEW for more details.

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Planned Parenthood of Northern New England (PPNNE) is a tri-state organization providing 40,000 patients in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont with reproductive health care services, including access to birth control, well-woman exams, life-saving cancer screenings, STI testing and treatment, and safe and legal abortion. The New Hampshire Executive Council recently eliminated more than \$319,000 in annual state funding for the critical health services PPNNE provides. This cut may result in shortening health center hours, eliminating staff

positions, and reducing patient access to affordable care. More on this issue from NH public radio [here](#). Listen to VT public radio's Vermont Edition program on this topic [here](#). PPNNE is one of 25 valued member organizations of [VCW's Advisory Council](#).

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Job Openings At [Umbrella](#)

[Cornucopia](#) is looking for a [program manager](#). Strong background in business development is a must! Advocacy is looking for a [STOP Advocate](#) (please note this is not an entry level position and relevant experience is preferred) and a [Violence Prevention Specialist](#).

Live Runway Auction - For Love & Fashion: A Benefit Fashion Show For Domestic Violence Awareness Month

All proceeds benefit Umbrella

October (Domestic Violence Awareness Month) 2015

New or gently used items currently being collected by to be auctioned off for this event. For love and fashion is a benefit fashion show for domestic violence awareness month.

Sponsored by Tara Lynn Bridal and Lyndon State College. Contact [Tara Lynn Bridal](#) at 802-467-9036 to arrange drop off or pick up of items.

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Umatter Suicide Prevention Awareness Workshop: Training Of Trainers

Presented by the Center for Health and Learning

Tuesday, September 15th, 8:30am Registration & Breakfast, 9:00am - 4:30pm Training

Capitol Plaza Hotel, 100 State Street, Montpelier

The second leading cause of death in Vermont for those 15-34 years of age is suicide, and the suicide rate increases with age. Umatter Suicide Prevention trains participants to identify, intervene and get help for dealing with suicidal ideation and plans. This training is FREE and lunch will be provided. More information [here](#) or call 802-254-6590. Register [here](#).

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This month marks the 20th anniversary of the federal **Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)**, providing American workers with unpaid leave to care for children, elders, and spouses or to address their own serious illness for up to twelve weeks -- without fear of losing their jobs. Vermont has more generous protections for workers, learn more [here](#), however, employer-provided paid coverage is still very rare: only 13 percent of US workers have access to paid family leave and less than 40 percent have access to personal medical leave through employer disability programs. Link [here for data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics](#).

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Social Security 80th Anniversary Celebration

Friday, August 14th from 12:30 to 2 PM

Statehouse lawn in Montpelier

[Vermont Alliance for Retired Americans \(VT-ARA\)](#) presents this statewide birthday celebrating 80 years of Social Security benefits featuring birthday cake, balloons, face painting, music, and fun. A Vermonter, Ida May Fuller from Ludlow, received the very first monthly Social Security retirement check in the amount of \$22.54 on January 31, 1940 at the age of 65. Learn more about this event by calling VT-ARA President Jane Osgatharp at (802)229-0850.

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Read about Gladys “Bunny” Strong of Ludlow, in this article titled “[A Woman Veteran’s Long Wait For American Legion Membership](#)” by freelance writer Madeline Bodin.

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The recently released **American Cancer Society’s Cancer Action Network** report, “How Do You Measure Up?: A Progress Report on State Legislative Activity to Reduce Cancer Incidence and Mortality” notes [Vermont](#)’s lack of funded breast and cervical cancer early detection programs. Find health care resources, including [Ladies First](#) for uninsured/underinsured women in VCW’s [resource directory health section here](#).

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Learn more about the **Small Business Administration’s InnovateHER 2016: Innovating for Women Business Challenge** [here](#).

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Webinar: The Road to Jobs for Women in Construction: How States Secure Federal Highway Funds

Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor

Thursday, August 20th, 1:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. EDT

This webinar is the third in a series hosted by the Women's Bureau exploring key policies and programs for working women. This installment will focus on federal highway funds that can be used to train women, people of color, and disadvantaged individuals in construction trades, with examples from Oregon and Maryland. States have access to Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds to train women, but only a few of states have used these funds recently to prepare women for careers in highway construction. To register for the webinar, please [click here](#) and use password: Welcome!23

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Earlier this summer, [Jane Beck](#) received the **Hildene Award**, along with [Susanne Rappaport](#) who was honored posthumously. The award is given annually to Vermonters who have made extraordinary contributions in the areas of land conservation and/or historic preservation. Collectively, Beck and Rappaport have dedicated nearly 100 years to preserving the stories, traditions, and legacies of Vermonters. Read more [here](#).

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9th annual [Laura's March 2015: 5K to End Sexual Violence](#)

9 AM, Saturday, September 12th in Oakledge Park, Burlington

Register or get more info [here](#).

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Vermont Works for Women's NEW [Step Up to Skilled Manufacturing Program](#)

This fall, in the Burlington area

Explore a new career in precision manufacturing, where starting salaries range from \$12-\$18/hour! Contact [Jenny Beaudin](#) / 802.622.0400, ext 150 for more info.

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A Very Unhappy Equal Pay Day

Tuesday July 28th marked the day in 2015 when the average earnings of Black women in the United States FINALLY equaled the average earnings of white men in 2014. Black women, working full time, year round, made only .64 for every dollar that white men made. That's a loss of nearly \$19,000 dollars annually. Learn more [here](#).

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Women Veterans Virtual Career Fair

August 18, 2015, 1-3 EST

Learn more [here](#).

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Eat at A Single Pebble, Support Vermont Works for Women

Enjoy one of Burlington's most beloved restaurants and support Vermont Works for Women, dedicated to helping women achieve economic independence, learn more [here](#).

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Film premier: The State of Marriage

Hosted by Pride Center of Vermont

Saturday, September 12th 5:30pm – 6:30 pre-screening cocktail reception and panel discussion; 6:45 – 8:15 film screening; 8:15-9:00: Panel discussion

Main Street Landing and Performing Arts Center, 60 Lake St, Burlington

The State of Marriage is the inspirational story of how Vermont attorneys Beth Robinson and Susan Murray formed Vermont Freedom to Marry, partnered with legal pioneer Mary Bonauto of Gay & Lesbian Advocates, and Defenders (GLAD), and led a determined group of activists in a two-decade long struggle for marriage equality in Vermont that built the foundation for the entire national movement. Despite fierce opposition, Vermont became the first state to grant same sex couples legal recognition through a groundbreaking 1999 State Supreme Court decision, Civil Unions in 2000, and in 2009 became the first state to legalize marriage equality by legislative vote. In June, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down a landmark ruling granting same-sex couples across the country the right to marry.

Reserve your Tickets [here](#).

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[Mercy Connections'](#) Women's Small Business Program Classes

255 South Champlain Street, Burlington

Start Up: A 15-Week Comprehensive Business Planning Course

Runs September 10 – December 11, 2015 and again in February

Taught in 3 content areas: Marketing, Finance, Business Ownership, by 3 different instructors. Build a professional network and learn from a host of guest speakers who are experts in their field. Learn the basics for starting or expanding your business, from legal issues to social media and everything in between. Form a solid support network with the other women in the class and 25-year alum network. Learn the language of business and write a bank-ready business plan. Learn more and register: [Gwen Pokalo](#) or 846-7338.

Personal Finance Programming:

Personal Financial Empowerment

Runs Tuesdays, September 15 - October 27 6-9PM

Find clarity and hope in your personal financial situation, no matter what it is. Use the personal financial statements, or 'Net Worth Statement', to learn the language of personal finance. Learn everything from assets to equity, how to manage debt and still lead a life you want to saving for the future. Come out of the class knowing what questions to ask and from whom and with a personal financial plan. Learn more and register: [Gwen Pokalo](#) or 846-7338.

Personal Finance Coaching. Meet with a Personal Finance Coach and complete a personal financial needs assessment and goal setting session, followed by ongoing sessions up to twice per month to make sure you understand and are finding momentum in your personal financial goals. Rolling admission. Learn more and register: [Gwen Pokalo](#) or 846-7338.

Group Personal Financial Coaching This monthly group coaching session kicks off September 1 with guest comedian and personal finance guru, Colin Ryan. Each session features a new guest speaker and/or topic and lots of support from a small cohort of your peers and from personal finance experts. 3 groups to choose from per month: Second Wednesdays 7- 8:30pm; Third Thursdays 5:30-7pm; Third Mondays 12-1:30pm. 4 group session commitment. To learn more and register: Learn more and register: [Gwen Pokalo](#) or 846-7338.

Gig Life: Managing a Multiple Income Stream Lifestyle: Runs November 7 10am-5pm; November 10 6-9pm; November 14 10am-5pm; November 17 6-9pm. Find greater sustainability and satisfaction in your collaged career. Learn strategic planning, money management, technology, and network development. Build a network of support with your peers and find continued support through WSBP's in-house small business coach, Jane Weintraub. Leave the class with a strong idea of your personal brand, an actionable plan, and a workbook and access to expanded content and tools online. Learn more and register: [Gwen Pokalo](#) or 846-7338.

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